



Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

# Smarika Singh

Partner

Dispute Resolution



Smarika Singh is a Partner in the Firm's Dispute Resolution team. She works very closely on matters pertaining to litigation and commercial arbitration.

Smarika has been part of domestic & international commercial arbitrations and related litigation. She also regularly advises clients on contentious issues arising under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act and the Food Safety and Standards Act. She represents clients in litigations before the Supreme Court of India as well in the Delhi High Court and in specialised Tribunals such as the Telecom Dispute Settlement & Appellate Tribunal, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and National Company Law Tribunal.

Smarika has also contributed to various publications, with articles such as "*Online Dispute Resolution: Lets Resolve It*" published in Asian Dispute Review, January 2007; "*Minerva Mills: Embargo On Basic Structure*" published in All India Reporter, March 2005 Edition; "*Need For A Trade Secrets Legislation: Delay Is Detrimental*" published in Indian Economic Panorama, April 2006; "*Want To Play On The Stock Exchange? Get Finger Printed!*" published in Lawyers Collective Magazine, April 2006; "*The CAS (Conditional Access System) Case: Beneficial Yet Controversial*" published in Indian Economic Panorama, January 2007.

Smarika represented the Firm in the annual Lex Mundi Cross Border Dispute Resolution Program in Monterey, USA, 2015. Straight out of law school, she joined the erstwhile Amarchand Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co. and was with the Firm until its dissolution in 2015. That year, she was inducted in Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Smarika graduated from National Law Institute University, Bhopal in 2008. She was awarded the Pt. Ramlalji Sharma Memorial Silver Medal by the National Law Institute university, Bhopal (her alma mater) for standing first in the order of merit in the Third and Fourth years.

## Select Experience Statement

### Arbitrations

- **Vale Australia Pty Ltd.**, an Australian miner, in an international commercial arbitration under the ICC Rules. The dispute related to coal supply to an Indian entity. She also acted in the consequential challenge to the award right up to the Supreme Court.

### Location

- Delhi

### Education

- B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) National Law Institute University, Bhopal, 2008

### Practices

- Dispute Resolution

### Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Delhi





- **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited** in arbitration proceedings conducted under the ICC Rules at London, arising out of disputes in respect of a turnkey contract for the construction of a power plant in Sulemaniah, Kurdistan Iraq.
- **Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd.** in an arbitration conducted under the ICC Rules in New York, in relation to a joint venture dispute.
- An Indian **auto-parts manufacturer** in an arbitration conducted under the ICC Rules in London, in relation to a joint venture dispute.
- An **Indian Oil & Gas Company** in proceedings arising from challenge to an arbitral award, concerning a turnkey contract for construction of pipeline.
- An **international apparel company** in proceedings arising from challenge to an arbitral award, concerning a joint venture dispute.
- **AAPC Singapore Pte Ltd.** in an international arbitration under the ICC Rules in relation to disputes over the use of “Ibis” trademark;
- **Havells India Pty Ltd.** in an arbitration conducted under the ICC Rules in Paris, in respect of various intellectual property rights agreements;

#### Other Significant Litigations

- **Nestle India Limited** in a class action proceeding initiated by the Union of India before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. Also representing Nestle India Limited before the Supreme Court of India in relation to disputes arising out of ban on sale and manufacture of **Maggi Noodles** in India.
- **Swedish company** with respect to issues **concerning dredging and reclamation works.**
- **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.** in proceedings before the Supreme Court challenging the administrative order passed by the DG/Competition Commission of India in its *suo motu* investigation along with the constitutional challenge to the vires of the Competition Act.
- **Sharda Motors India Ltd.** in proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal in disputes concerning allegations of oppression and mismanagement. Also represented Sharda Motors before the Delhi High Court.
- **Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.** before a Committee constituted by the Government of India to probe into and make recommendations in disputes involving gas migration from deep water blocks and consequential third party violations.
- **Tata Housing Development Co. Ltd.** in disputes before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and before the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority.
- **Converteam India Pvt. Ltd. and General Electric Company** in mediation proceedings in London, in relation to disputes over the supply of software for a project in Sudan.



### Telecom Disputes

- **Telecom operator** before the Supreme Court in dispute concerning adjusted gross revenue (AGR).
- **Videocon Telecommunications Ltd.** before the Supreme Court of India in a Public Interest Litigation questioning the grant of 2G telecom licenses by the government of India.
- **Videocon Telecommunications Ltd.** before the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Authority in proceedings initiated by it challenging the imposition of liquidated damages by the Department of Telecommunications.
- **Hutchison Telecommunications International Ltd.** before the Delhi High Court in a Public Interest Litigation, which alleged violation of foreign exchange regulations.

### White Collar Crimes and Economic Offences

- Investigations and Advisory regarding violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (“PMLA”), Reserve Bank of India’s circulars, Foreign exchange rules etc.;
- Independent legal counsel for the Audit Committee of the Board of **Infosys** in respect of Whistleblower Complaints.
- **HDFC Bank Ltd.** and **Yes Bank Ltd.** in respect of proceedings initiated by the Reserve Bank of India alleging breach of code of conduct and ethical standards by certain bank and violations of the PMLA.
- **HDFC Bank Ltd.** in proceedings initiated under the PMLA and Delhi High Court.

